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## FARM LABOR IS SCARCE

Annual Spring Exodus of Negroes Has Begun in King George County.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
HEATHSVILLE, VA., March 21.—The local election to be held here next fall is receiving a great deal of attention just now. In spite of the fact that the time for election is so far off the subject is being pretty warmly discussed, and, as stated in this correspondence some time ago, aspirants for the various offices to be filled by election this coming fall are not few by any means. Some of the most prominent men in this county will be candidates for some of the offices, and they do not intend to keep it a secret until the campaign opens, but will announce their candidacy early this spring.

Several popular Democrats have their eyes on the office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, and will in the near future inform the voters that they will be candidates. Indications show that there will also be a red-hot fight for the Sheriff's office, and for the numerous district offices—Justice of the peace, supervisors and overseer of the poor.

A large number of the young colored women and men are leaving the Northern Neck each week to work in the Northern States, and the home supply will be much less and the demand much greater than ever before, and about nothing is there more uncertainty at this time than about the help in the home and on the farm.

A petition has been presented to Judge Beale, requesting him to order a local option election for Marshall District, Richmond county.

Honi Lloyd T. Smith, after a week's stay at the nation's capital, has returned home.

Mr. W. C. Snow is in Baltimore. The paragon of Farnham, Richmond county, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Thursday, when Miss Carrie Harrison became the bride of Clarence Dawson. Rev. Richard Edwards was the officiating minister. Both are from Richmond county.

Miss Edna Lyell and Mrs. Julia Dickerson, of Farnham, are visiting friends in Washington.

Miss Viola Williams, of Reedville, is spending this week in Baltimore.

Mrs. Lewis Courtney and daughter, Miss Pannell, are guests at the home of Mr. A. K. Cralle.

The Washington Farm Near Fredericksburg.

Editor of the Times-Dispatch:  
Sir—In a recent communication in your paper, entitled "The Birthplace of George Washington—written by Mr. George W. Beale, he said that "Mr. Washington (father of George) had been in the habit of removing his family during a portion of each year to a home which he had established in Stafford county near Fredericksburg called "Travelers Rest"—was not Mr. Beale mistaken and was it not "Ferry Farm," opposite Fredericksburg in Stafford county that Augustine Washington owned and where he died—and not Travelers Rest, which Colonel Burgess Hall inherited from his grandfather, Major James Hall in 1764, and held until some time later than 1789?

INQUIRY.

A distinguished friend of our answers this query as follows:  
Mr. Beale is mistaken in naming Washington House opposite Fredericksburg "Travelers Rest." The farm upon which Augustine Washington died in 1743—and which he devised to his son, George was in what is now Stafford but was then King George county, on the northern shore of the Rappahannock immediately opposite to the Fredericksburg wharves. The Northern Neck traveler pursued a highway crossing the river at Fredericksburg. The Washington farm lay upon both sides of this road to the Ferry extending some distance up the river, perhaps as far as the northern abutment of the railroad bridge including a small farm owned by James log of the bridge on the Forves of the last century.

Several miles below the ferry was an estate which I have personally known for several years as "Travelers Rest." When I first remember it was the residence of John B. Gray a wealthy Scotch gentleman

man who lived upon what was probably originally a part of "Travelers Rest" in a house known as Eastwood about a mile or two from the river.

In the original organization of the county of Stafford and King George they were both bounded on the east by Westmoreland county—Stafford extending westward along the Potomac and King George westward along the Rappahannock. The General Assembly in 1776 changed the boundary lines—making the lower part of the counties the county of King George and the western part the county of Stafford. The eastern boundary of Stafford on the Rappahannock was Muddy Creek—and immediately west upon the river was the Snowden estate upon which my mother was born—and which my grandmother inherited from her father Capt. Thomas Casson. After her marriage it was the home of herself and husband, William Alexander who was born on the upper Potomac near the present city of Alexandria. A single farm—owned when I first remember by Mr. John Strother and after her death by her brother George F. Strother. Intervened by Snowden and Travelers Rest was at least three or four miles below the Washington farm. In my boyhood the Washington farm was owned by a Baptist preacher the Rev. Thomas Teadale. I remember when Howe or his representative visited Fredericksburg and gathered material for his history of Virginia which was published in 1845, and I have no doubt read his statement as found on page 482 was as accurate as could have been made then from all accessible sources of information.

H. R. H.

## WINNERS IN THE SUNDAY TIMES-DISPATCH WANT COLUMN PROVERB CONTEST

Another Contest To-Day—Seven Cash Prizes—What is the Proverb? See Want Pages.

"No man can serve two masters," was the proverb used in last Sunday's Times-Dispatch want column proverb contest, and the seven prizes were awarded as follows:  
First prize, \$2 order—Mrs. Yeager, No. 2216 East Broad, city.  
Second prize, \$1 order—Mrs. Henry P. Anderson, Box No. 155, East Radford, Va.  
Third prize, 50 cent order—Miss M. S. Dunn, No. 332 Hinton Street, Petersburg, Va.  
Fourth prize, 50 cent order—J. A. Coleman, Enonville, Va.  
Fifth prize, 50 cent order—Miss Nora Cooke, Scottsville, Va.  
Sixth prize, 50 cent order—Miss Helen Flournoy, Charlotte Courthouse, Va.  
Seventh prize, 50 cent order—Miss Mary F. Wyman, Scottsville, Va.  
Correct answers were also received from the following named contestants, viz:

**RICHMOND, VA.**  
J. S. Snow, Thomas Curtis,  
Mrs. E. P. Mann, Thomas A. Murphy,  
Jas. Nora Tholl, Miss V. O. Baskett,  
Charles Charlton, Mrs. J. G. Rice,  
Daisy Hancock, Mrs. Wm. A. Street,  
A. A. Williams, Miss R. T. Talley,  
A. McWilliams, Miss R. T. Talley,  
A. D. Leach, Charles Laurens,  
Mrs. J. W. Turner, Mrs. H. L. Wilkinson,  
Miss Cleve Stagg, John B. Dearhart,  
Clifton Dearhart, R. L. Millham,  
Mary E. Pugh, Miss N. L. Brown,  
Thomas J. Carroll, Miss Louise Bragg,  
Miss A. B. Buflin, Emma Austin,  
Miss B. A. Johnston, Mrs. W. W. Turner,  
Mrs. R. A. Talley, Dora Graham,  
Miss Mabel Cowdy, Mrs. L. D. Roane,  
Mrs. N. R. Bond, Mrs. A. J. Smith,  
Melvin McKinley, J. E. Rabinow,  
David Turner, Mrs. W. H. Turner,  
R. A. Plummer, M. E. Taylor,  
Miss E. R. Austin, Mrs. M. W. Glass,  
Raleigh D. Glass, Mrs. M. E. Taylor.

**NOTTOWAY, VA.**  
T. B. Atkinson, S. B. Atkinson,  
Edw. S. Deane, Charles F. Deane,  
Miss M. Robertson, Jessie Robertson,  
F. L. Dunn, C. H. Hardy,  
M. P. Atkinson, Mrs. W. A. Robertson,  
**HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA.**  
W. B. Langhorne, Hunter Mann,  
J. M. Graham, M. C. Graham,  
L. A. B. McKenny, J. C. Crawford,  
A. G. Butterworth, Julia H. Butterworth,  
**BELEFIELD, VA.**  
Miss Lucy MacIne,  
**MCKENNY, VA.**  
Cyrus Dunn, Mario M. Dunn,  
L. G. Woodbridge,  
**SCOTTSVILLE, VA.**  
James F. Garrett, M. T. Heath,  
Lottie Pitts, Miss S. L. Cooke,  
W. Scott Heath, Miss M. A. Pitts.

## BIG T. P. A. EDITION ON MAY 6TH NEXT

The special T. P. A. edition of The Times-Dispatch, which will be issued May 6th, will be one of the most widely read papers ever printed in Richmond.

The following resolutions bring clearly before the public the character and scope of the publication:

Whereas, Post "A" (Richmond) Virginia Division, Travelers Protective Association of America, will publish a "Special T. P. A. Edition" of The Times-Dispatch on May 6, 1908, this issue of the paper being the work of T. P. A. men and for the benefit of the commercial interests of Richmond, and

Whereas, an extra large edition of The "Times-Dispatch" will be published and thoroughly circulated throughout the entire United States, through the medium of the various posts and the National Convention, which will be held at Indianapolis, Ind., therefore be it

Resolved, That the Advertising Committee of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce endorse this "Special T. P. A. Edition" of "The Times-Dispatch" as an agency which may be used to good advantage in advertising Richmond and all its commercial interests, and, further, commends to the manufacturer, wholesaler and merchant, in whatever line, in Richmond, this excellent medium of advertising for their favorable consideration.

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J. G. Strachan, R. A. Plummer,  
Effie L. Dunn, Miss M. L. Dunn,  
B. G. Strachan, James S. Richmond,  
Miss L. O. Dabney, Mrs. J. Dabney,  
Esther Dabney, Miss Ruth Dabney,  
**SWANBORO, VA.**  
Miss M. L. Gwens, Claflie Dorset,  
A. A. Blackstone, Va.  
Mrs. C. B. Hardy,  
**NEWPORT NEWS, VA.**  
George Dunn,  
**FORKVILLE, VA.**  
J. N. Davis, E. H. Hubbard,  
**NEW BERN, N. C.**  
Robert S. Carraway,  
**NEW CANTON, VA.**  
Miss Lottie M. Pitts, Miss Annie Rhodes,  
Miss Phoebe, Miss Mable Pitts,  
**CARLISLE, VA.**  
Mrs. J. H. Rhodes,  
**PROSPECT, VA.**  
Mrs. Thomas Cooke, Mary Crew,  
LINDSAY, VA.  
Mrs. C. F. Johnston,  
**NOFOK, VA.**  
J. H. Gregory,  
**SMYTH COUNTY, VA.**  
W. A. Scott, Rev. Levi Brown,  
Miss Ollie Wassum,  
**EXONVILLE, VA.**  
Mrs. Early Coleman, Mrs. P. Coleman,  
Blanche Coleman, Lillian Coleman,  
J. Lee Coleman, Frank R. Coleman,  
**ASHLAND, VA.**  
S. J. Hall,  
**DINWIDDIE, VA.**  
Alma Harris, Lorraine Harris,  
T. A. Norlander, John G. Neblett,  
Mary Blosseau,  
**FLUVANNA, VA.**  
Master Paul E. Haden,  
**WALBRIDGE, VA.**  
E. D. Michie,  
**SEVEN ISLANDS, VA.**  
F. S. Tutwiler, Leona C. Tutwiler,  
Mrs. C. E. Tutwiler.

Another proverb contest will be found in to-day's want columns. The proverb is composed of eighteen letters, which are scattered throughout the little ads. in the want pages. Seven prizes will be awarded the winners.

See the names of the winners and those deserving special mention in The Times-Dispatch want column. Cartoon contest in another column.

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## FIGURE OF THE VIRGIN

One of Life Size for the New Cathedral Here.

BE OF CARRARA MARBLE

The Modelling Has Just Been Completed in Boston by Samuel J. Kitson, the Famous Sculptor.

Samuel J. Kitson, the famous sculptor of Boston, has just completed the modelling of a notable life-size figure of the Virgin, to be cut in Carrara marble for the new Sacred Heart Cathedral now being erected in this city. This is the first one of six figures which Mr. Kitson has been commissioned to make for this great cathedral, and they have all been donated by Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan, of Fifth Avenue, New York city. Mrs. Ryan is the wife of the multi-millionaire street railway magnate.

BEAUTIFUL CONCEPTION.  
This statue, which Sculptor Kitson has just completed, depicts the Virgin as "Our Lady of Lourdes," and the sculptor's conception is beautiful. There is a spirit of sanctity about the figure which is difficult to describe—a spiritual feeling in the attitude, in the face and figure throughout, which could only be caught by one deeply imbued with the motive and significance of the subject. The face is lifted in devout appeal, and the ex-



STATUE OF THE VIRGIN.

pression has in it something that can only be called divine.

There is the quiet beauty of repose and confidence in that face, too. This looks simple enough, but it is a difficult pose to model where the neck is naturally thrown into so much prominence. But the artist appears to have been little troubled by this problem, for he has emphasized both the pose of the head and neck and the expression by the manner in which the drapery is arranged over and behind both.

The drapery on the whole figure hangs simply in long lines and folds, which follow the pose and enhance the artistic feeling of the entire design.

WONDERFUL FACTS.  
The hands are brought upward in prayerful appeal and point upward, carrying the attention to that wonderful face in a subtle manner, and leading one unconsciously to a contemplation of the religious feeling with which that face is imbued.

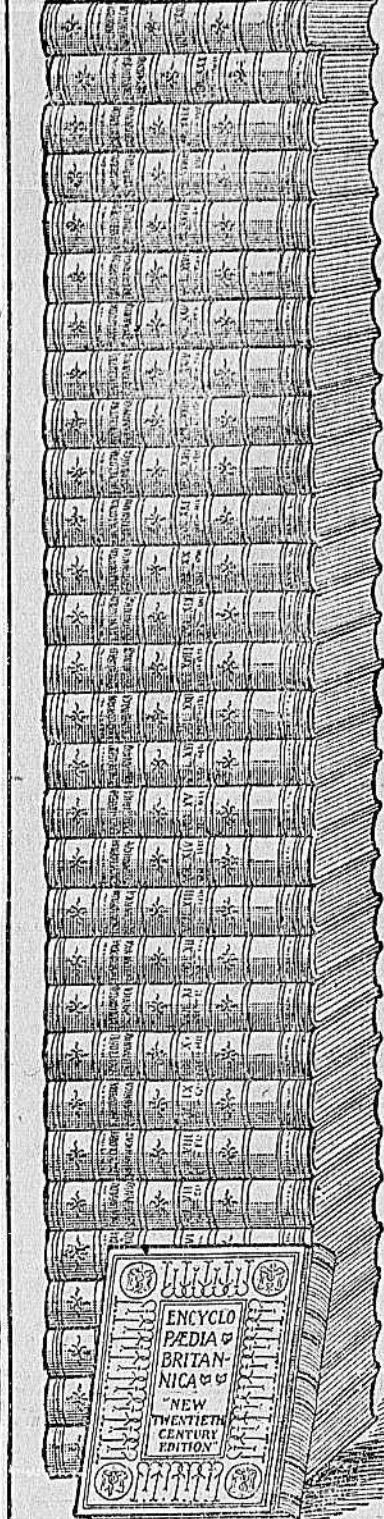
It is all well done, and the modelling of the face, neck and hands is exquisite. The drapery is treated in a broader manner. The sculptor has given form to that an ecstatic moment, saw the Virgin now the little spring at Lourdes, which has since become so famous as a shrine.

Richmond's new cathedral will have some splendid art work within its sanctuary. It is seeking in any form, Verities, to make each sacred edifice characteristic and to get away from the painted "stock" figures which for so many years have been imported from France, Italy, and Germany.

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**RICHMOND TIME-DISPATCH.**



(Written for the Sunday Times-Dispatch.)

Courteous Reader:

Of a truth that delectable portion of real estate which is called "Old Virginia" is a truly "God's Country." Did you ever hear of any one leaving Virginia without a return ticket? So here cometh Pegasushills and singeth concerning "Old Virginia."

Sun it shines from pure delight,  
Floods the world with rays of light,  
Down in Old Virginia,  
Flowers bloom, so fresh and sweet,  
Like a carpet 'neath your feet,  
Fills the land with incense sweet,  
Down in Old Virginia.

Don't have much of snow and ice,  
Summers always cool and nice,  
Down in Old Virginia,  
Sweet mint julep, frosty bowl,  
Beckoning with straw of gold,  
Kinder wares 'em to the soul,  
Down in Old Virginia.

And such good things! Corn bread pone  
That stands in a class alone,  
Down in Old Virginia,  
Sweet mint julep, frosty bowl,  
Beckoning with straw of gold,  
Kinder wares 'em to the soul,  
Down in Old Virginia.

Young men building up the State,  
Making her to rank first rate,  
Down in Old Virginia,  
Old men wearing gray home spun  
Veterans who saw Bull Run,  
Guess we love 'em every one,  
Down in Old Virginia.

And our girls! They can't be beat,  
Just as pretty as they're sweet,  
Down in Old Virginia.

Eyes of brown and eyes of blue,  
Cheeks that vie the peaches hue,  
Each man's got a girl (or two),  
Down in Old Virginia.

When at last I leave this world  
And knock at those gates of Pearl  
Far from Old Virginia,  
To the porter I will say:  
"Give me a return check, pray,  
So I can get back home some day,  
Down in Old Virginia."

Why ever thou doest, do him with all thy might.

Out of the Deep.  
There once was an old married Oyster,  
Who had wedded a Clerk from a Cloister;  
If she "rowed up salt river,"  
Not a word did he give her,  
And this conduct, it greatly rejoiced her,  
Down in Old Virginia.

There's many a sip of the cup in grip,  
It's better to have been interrupted under the mistletoe, than never to have been there at all.

Not every one you hear these days talking in a queer manner has a lasting impediment in his speech. It's just spring colds. So here are a few lines to Gentle Springs:

Oh, oh, thou gentle spring,  
And sudden winter lift;  
Oh, oh, I'm going to emerge again,  
Where is my handkerchief?

Soon, soon will blossom out  
The violet and the rose,  
(I'll never change so long again  
My winter under clothes).

The sturdy farmer blunts  
His turnips ad his squash

(I wonder when my flannel shirt  
Will rub in from the wash?)

And so the spring cubs on,  
Each flower buds ad plow—  
While I stand lost in wonder deep  
Ad plow, ad plow my dose.

The Early Bird will yawn before night,  
Pride hath before Social Appendicitis.

Yours till next time,  
PEGASUSHILLS.

## FROM DR. STRANGE

St. Paul's Rector Writes of Athens and His Own Improved Health.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 22.—The following extract from a recent letter from Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Richmond, to a friend in this city, will be read with much interest by readers of The Times-Dispatch. When written Dr. Strange was en route to Constantinople, and on the Sea of Marmora. He writes:

"I thought you would appreciate a line from Athens or its vicinity. I spent yesterday and the day before in that cradle of classic art and literature. We had lovely weather, and revelled in the memories of the distant past. Think of standing where Demosthenes thundered with eloquent tongue; of walking through halls built by Phidias over the orders of Pericles; of strolling over the ground where once the beautiful grove grew in which Plato taught; of gazing on the Bay of Salamis and thinking on the mighty battle fought with Themistocles and the Greeks. Xerxes watching with fearful eyes his dying Persian ships; of sitting on the Parthenon, the most beautiful temple, artistically considered, ever built by man, and watching, when on the heights of the famous Acropolis, the sun sinking to rest over the Bay of Elusai; of walking the streets and stopping on the corners, where Socrates walked and talked; of looking down on the city as the shadows deepened and the lights began to twinkle from Mars Hill, melting into the visit here of the great Apostles to the Gentiles. I saw the sun rise this morning over the plains of ancient Troy. We have been steaming all the morning through the Dardanelles and we are now out in the Sea of Marmora, on our way to Constantinople. I am having a delightful trip and am regaining my health and vigor, looking forward to taking up my abode again in April, stronger than I have been at all in Richmond."